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Subject: Weekly Reminder - due COB Tuesday 3/17

Hello WD Managers:

Please submit items for the weekly via EMAIL to Linda and me by **COB Tuesday March 17th**.

Please be sure to include any drought related activities and speaking engagements your office may be participating in over the next two weeks. In addition, include relevant dates for the items submitted, along with POCs.

I have pasted below last week's weekly as a point of reference.

Thanks. Kate

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WEEKLY REPORT

Region 9

Environmental Protection Agency

Week of March 13, 2015

Water Division

Highlight of Past Week

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Tribal CWA 106 Grant Funding: We approved Cedarville Rancheria's and Mechoopda Indian Tribe applications of Chico Rancheria's for CWA 106 Financial Assistance Eligibility. This determination will allow the Rancheria to apply for 106 grant funding for water quality monitoring program implementation. Region 9 now has 105 tribes eligible to apply for 106 funding. (Eastman, 415-795-2435)

CA Class II UIC Oversight: In response to the State's Program Revision Plan submitted on February 6, 2014, EPA issued a letter on March 9, 2015 concurring on key aspects of the State's plan and setting out a schedule of required activities and deliverables, with target milestones and compliance deadlines for returning CA's Class II UIC program to compliance. As the State implements the plan, EPA will continue our heightened oversight to ensure that the State's oil and gas UIC program meets federal requirements. (Albright, 2-3971)

Significant Items for Next Week

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Border Water:

a) Tijuana River Watershed: On 3/16, EPA will give a presentation about improving water quality in the Tijuana River watershed at the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting. The Board is considering a 5-year Action Plan to address sediment and trash in the Tijuana River Valley.

b) Wastewater Infrastructure: We responded to a letter from the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding aging wastewater infrastructure in Mexicali resulting contamination of the New River. With Mexico's National Water Commission, we are planning a study to evaluate Mexicali's wastewater infrastructure and to identify opportunities for technical assistance.

c) On 3/18 and 3/19, California State Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials will conduct hearings focusing on binational river water quality issues. We provided information to the Committee on our activities in the Tijuana and New River watersheds. (Eberhardt, 2-3420)

404 Objection Letters: We anticipate sending the Corps Sacramento District two objection letters for mixed use residential projects. Liberty Ranch (Sacramento County) is a 350 acre development that would impact approximately 7.5 acres of waters of the US with an inadequate showing of compliance with the 404(b)(1) Guidelines (particularly mitigation). The Placer University (Placer County) project is a 1,558 acre project including residential land uses, that proposes to impact approximately 15.7 acres of waters. This project lacks an approved jurisdictional delineation or 404(b)(1) information. (Rosetti, 2-3070)

“Temperance Flat Dam” FEIS: We provided comments on the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation* (Temperance Flat). We maintained our concerns from the DEIS regarding mitigation ratios for impacts to waters and fish upstream of the dam; unaddressed water quality impacts related to sedimentation in the proposed reservoir; and nearby mitigation opportunities that could mitigate induced growth. We also remain concerned that the 2000 CALFED NEPA document may no longer represent the best available information from which to tier analysis of this federal action. (Rosetti, 2-3070)

CA Class II UIC Aquifer Exemptions: On 3/24, we are scheduled to join DOGGR and the State Board at a second public workshop on aquifer exemptions that will be held in Long Beach. (Albright, 2-3971)

Water Loss Control Audit Training: On 3/26, we will host a training on drinking water system water loss control approaches with hands-on and interactive water auditing practice using the American Water Works Association’s Free Water Audit Software, the industry standard for helping drinking water utilities identify “non-revenue” water, which includes physical leakage losses. The training will be held in the Regional office and via webinar this will be co-presented by Water System Optimization, Inc., an international leader in water auditing. The target audience is drinking water utilities, SRF program staff, rural and tribal technical assistance providers, the Indian Health Service, and R9 staff. (Byous, 2-3531)

Tribal TAS - Clean Water Act: We have completed our review of the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians’ amended application for treatment in a similar manner as a state (TAS) to administer Water Quality Standards and Certification Programs under Sections 303 and 401 of the Clean Water Act. Our approval, which will be routed to Jared for his signature next week,

will extend the Tribe's initial TAS authorization from 75 acres to 93 acres of trust land. This is the first amended application to be approved nationally. (Angeles, 2-3441)

Coastal Ocean Protection: Cat Kuhlman, Deputy Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency and Executive Director of the California Ocean Protection Council will be in the Regional Office on 3/19 to talk with Jared and Water staff about California's ocean priorities, in advance of the Pacific Coast Collaborative Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Subcommittee meeting in Seattle on April 14-15 that Cat is organizing. Also participating in these meetings will be Skyli McAfee, Executive Director of the Ocean Science Trust and a member of the West Coast Ocean Acidification & Hypoxia Science Panel. (Ziegler, 2-3399)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

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Grant Announcements

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Legislative Engagement

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Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

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30-60 Day Outlook

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Other Information

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Division Director's Travel: I will be in the office all week.

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